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LEASE RULES IN CANTONMENT AREA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the different types of lease provisions exist in the cantonment board premises of the country;

(b) whether lease objectives are modified from time to time;

(c) if so, the dates on which these modifications have been brought about so far;

(d) whether free-hold provisions also exist under MEO; and

(e) if so, the cantonment areas in which this provision has been implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) Provision relating to grant of leases in cantonments are contained in Cantonment Codes of 1899 and 1912 and Cantonment Land Administration Rules (CLAR) of 1925 and 1937.

(b) & (c) The purpose for which a lease is given is specified in the lease. A modification to an individual lease is permissible, on a case-to-case basis, with the prior sanction of the Government.

(d) & (e) The provisions for conversion of lands to free-hold do not exist for lands under Defence Estates Officer earlier known as Military Estates Officer (MEO), however certain defence lands which are under the management of Cantonment boards can be converted into free holds subject to meeting the laid down conditions.